



**CURIOSITY! CREATIVITY! DISCOVERY!**

**Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa**  
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**Mission Statement: "The Children's Hands-On Museum is a dynamic learning experience that stimulates curiosity, creativity, and shared discovery."**

**WELCOME to the Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa!** CHOM, where children **Explore, Create and Discover** every time they visit!  
 When we say "hands-on" we really mean it! CHOM is a 38 year old non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1984 and opened in 1986.  
 Learning through play is what our exhibits are all about. You're encouraged to touch, feel, and play your way through our museum!  
 CHOM offers newborns through age 13 an amazing place to play and learn! Exhibits, educational field trips, S.T.E.A.M Saturday programs, holiday celebrations, and parties are waiting for you at CHOM, an award winning museum!

**Hundreds of thousands of visitors since 1986 have found we're the BEST place for learning through play! Discover for yourself why parents repeatedly vote us BEST of the Best for family fun and museums, and why schools, agencies, churches, and camps agree!**

**ADMISSION**

Under 1 year: **FREE** • 1 - 64 years: **\$12** • 65 years and older: **\$11**  
 Military Discount: **\$1** off admission for each person with military ID

**MEMBERSHIP Not yet a Member? Buy a Membership!**

Museum Membership is essential to our foundation, providing income to ensure the continuation of CHOM. Members receive 12 months of unlimited FREE general admission, discounts on birthday parties, gift shop purchases, and invitations to Members Only events!

**EDUCATION / S.T.E.A.M SATURDAYS / DAILY PROGRAMS**

CHOM has worked closely with school systems since 1984 and is known for our educational contributions. CHOM is committed to our long standing tradition of delivering educational services and programs recognized for excellence throughout Alabama and Mississippi. CHOM is a proud AMSTI affiliate! All programs are directly correlated to required elementary school curriculum for the State of Alabama, with Course of Study information.

While closed for the Covid pandemic in 2020 we developed an amazing virtual learning program - CHOM at Home. Check it out on YouTube.

Some grants allow us to offer a limited number of discounted/free Field Trip admissions, allowing thousands of students to visit who would otherwise be unable to. When available information for sponsored grant field trip programs and opportunities for reduced or free student admissions may be found on our website.

Each year we receive a great number of requests for free services from other agencies. Although unable to provide discounts, free admissions and support for every request received, we make every effort to assist when possible. You can help! Ask how you may sponsor trips to CHOM for specific groups! STEAM Saturdays offer all day experiences with CHOM and partners from businesses and universities. **STEAM Saturdays focus on different topics - they're a perfect match for sponsors, even offering a chance for company participation if desired.**

**VOLUNTEERS Give your time to CHOM and children!**

Volunteering at CHOM is a great way to support the museum and have fun! CHOM volunteers are high school and college students, homemakers, retirees, and business people. Volunteers assist in programs, events, exhibits, and more! Schedules are flexible and training provided. Our adult volunteer program and Teen Leadership Program make volunteering at CHOM the best. Teen Leader applicants ages 14 -17 years apply and train to join our program. Volunteers make visits to CHOM memorable for children. **Sponsorship opportunities for our Volunteer Program are available.**

CHOM holds fundraising events throughout each year. Funds raised provide support for the many experiences offered to thousands of children and their families each year.  
**Event sponsorships are available!**  
 Learn more at [www.chomonline.org](http://www.chomonline.org) and follow us on social media.

**Your donation could be MATCHED!**  
**Does your employer offer a matching gift program?**  
**Ask your employer today if they will match your gift and let us know if they do! We'll take it from there.**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS to CHOM**

*From your heart to the lives of children!*

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we are able to offer children the very best hands-on learning through play only with assistance and support from individuals, families, organizations, and businesses who donate to CHOM. Partnerships, sponsorships, and contributions enable us to provide exciting experiences to the thousands of families and children who visit. If you'd like to discuss fundraising, donations, gifts, exhibit or program sponsorships. No donation is too small to matter!

**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN for CHILDREN - Individual and Corporate**

Annual gifts make it possible for CHOM to provide unequalled opportunities to learn through play in unique hands-on exhibits, outreach visits to community and schools, curriculum specific field trips for students and teachers, and popular events and public programs throughout the year, providing excitement and variety. Annual Fund donations provide funds for building, exhibits, daily programs, events and more.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

CHOM's Endowment Fund is the foundation to provide financial security for the future. We're committed to providing current, exciting hands-on learning for children, families and students, and we continue to grow. We've long been committed to providing for the future, and our Endowment Fund is crucial to this commitment. Our Endowment Fund ensures CHOM will be here for generations to come, even in the midst of change and challenges.

**EXHIBITS and SPONSORSHIPS**

New/traveling exhibits, additions, upgrades, field trip programs and daily family programs help us to meet challenges and provide all that our children deserve and need. If you'd like to assist us in ongoing work to keep CHOM new, give us a call! There are many options and exciting exhibits that we'd love to talk with you about! With so many types of sponsorships ranging from single programs to entire yearly schedules, we're sure to have the right match for you. **Sponsors are crucial to our children - we welcome you as a partner.**

**MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS**

How wonderful to give a tax deductible gift that truly impacts the world of children positively. A tax deductible Memorial or Honorarium gives you a chance to recognize important people whose lives have touched you. These gifts help us to make the lives of children better.

**BUY A BRICK! PAVE THE WAY TO CHOM!**

The Children's Hands-On Museum has a sidewalk of engraved pavers leading right to our front door to celebrate, thank, or memorialize the special people in your life and the people who believe in CHOM's mission of learning through play. CHOM bricks make a wonderful gift for Christmas, birthdays, new additions to the family, or for any special occasion. There is no better way to memorialize or honor a loved one than a paver to CHOM! When CHOM relocates to the Saban Center and expands as Ignite the Pavers will move with us!

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